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Report of infectious diseases in Japan from December 9 to December 31, 1898.

Locality.	Cholera.		Dysentery.		Smallpox.		Plague.	
	Cases.	Deaths	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....			11	5				
Osaka Fu.....			9	9				
Tokio Fu.....			17	16				
Aichi Ken.....			15	5				
Akita Ken.....			2					
Awomori Ken.....			10	6	73	15		
Chiba Ken.....			75	32	1			
Fukui Ken.....								
Fukuoka Ken.....			14	8				
Fukuoshima Ken.....			10	3				
Gifu Ken.....			14	9				
Gumma Ken.....			17	4				
Hiogo Ken.....			30	23				
Hiroshima Ken.....			48	27				
Ibaraki Ken.....			19	10				
Ishikawa Ken.....								
Iwate Ken.....			18	24	1			
Kagawa Ken.....			4					
Kagoshima Ken.....			20	5				
Kanagawa Ken.....			12	7				
Kochi Ken.....			12	6				
Kumamoto Ken.....			45	16				
Miyagi Ken.....			7	2				
Miyazaki Ken.....			26	11				
Miye Ken.....			8	4				
Nagano Ken.....			35	26	1			
Nagasaki Ken.....			15	12				
Nara Ken.....				1				
Niigata Ken.....			73	48				
Oita Ken.....			15	6				
Okayama Ken.....			3	4				
Okinawa Ken.....			16	3				
Saga Ken.....			3	2				
Saitama Ken.....			30	15				
Shidzuoka Ken.....			56	27				
Shiga Ken.....			13					
Shimane Ken.....			24	9				
Tochigi Ken.....			8	8				
Tokushima Ken.....			6	2				
Tottori Ken.....			7	1				
Toyama Ken.....								
Wakayama Ken.....			5	2				
Yamagata Ken.....								
Yamaguchi Ken.....			21	7				
Yamanashi Ken.....			65	38				
Yehime Ken.....			14	8				
The Hokkaido.....								
Taiwan (Formosa).....			(a)				(b)	
Total.....			852	454	76	15		

a No report.

b Exists.

Vessels and crews inspected at Yokohama for the six months ended December 31, 1899.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, January 6, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the half year ended December 31, 1898, I have officially inspected 84 vessels, bound for ports of the United States, or an average of 1 every two and one-fifth days.

Of these ships 14 were under the United States flag, 55 were British, 9 Japanese, 3 German, 2 Hawaiian, and 1 French, with crews aggregating 4,743. The Hawaiian ship, twice inspected, is an anomaly, as her transfer of flag having been, for some reason, refused, she is sailing under colors practically nonexistent.

Of the vessels inspected, 57 were steamers and 27 sailing vessels, and of the steamers, 38 carried steerage passengers, concerning whom I

inclose a detailed statement, to the number of 13,578, as against 11,186 during the immediately preceding half year, and 6,938 in the corresponding period of 1897, showing a maintained increase in the amount of steerage travel through and from this port.

The number of steerage passengers, added to that of the crews of all vessels inspected, gives a total of 18,321 persons individually examined during the six months.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Plague in Formosa.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *January 13, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that a government telegram received in Tokio yesterday announces that at Sekiteibyō in Tainan prefecture, southern Formosa, 4 cases of plague occurred on the 7th instant, and 1 case on the 9th. The same message adds that 2 persons died of the disease in the city of Tainan, where it is rapidly spreading.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
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The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
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MADAGASCAR.

Bubonic plague in Tamatave.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Tamatave, December 25, 1898.

SIR: Referring to my cablegram of November 28, and confirmatory dispatch No. 28 of December 3, 1898, regarding the presence of the bubonic plague in Madagascar, I have the honor to say: To date there has been no abatement of the plague reported. Quarantine is still vigorously maintained. No shipping or receiving of merchandise of any kind. As a consequence, business of all kinds is paralyzed. Meantime living becomes daily more and more costly; 200 per cent advance since pest declared.

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I am, sir, your obedient servant,

W. W. GIBBS,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

FOREIGN STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AFRICA—*Lorenzo Marquez*.—Month of November, 1898. Estimated population, 5,000. Total number of deaths, 48, including smallpox, 19, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Month of December, 1898. Total number of deaths, 51, including enteric fever, 1; smallpox, 6, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

BERMUDA.—Two weeks ended January 27, 1899. Estimated population, 15,013. No deaths and no contagious diseases.